



Secretary of the Army visits Caserma Ederle

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The Honorable Francis J. Harvey, 19th Secretary of the Army, visited Caserma Ederle Nov. 20, to see how Soldiers and their families are being taken care of and to speak with installation leaders.

Harvey gave the community high marks and said Caserma Ederle and Dal Molin have a great plan.

"I'm impressed with all I saw here," said Harvey. "You have a great master plan. You can't get to where you're going unless you

know where you're going, and that starts with a master plan."

Since being sworn in as Secretary of the Army, Harvey has visited Iraq, Afghanistan, many installations in Europe and Asia and more than 60 installations in the U.S., and now he adds Vicenza to the list. These visits are important for him to see if needs are being met in the communities.

"I have four general purposes for visiting any installation," said Harvey. "First, I generally visit installations to assure that the needs of Soldiers and their families,



Sgt. 1st Class Jeremiah Smith, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, explains the Expert Infantry Badge skill test to the Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, during his visit to Caserma Ederle Nov. 20. The secretary spent the day visiting various sites on post and speaking with key leaders and senior noncommissioned officers. (Photos by Barbara Romano, 7th ATC Photo Lab)



As part of his tour around Caserma Ederle, the Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army, watched as members of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team prepared for their upcoming Expert Infantry Badge test. (Photos by Barbara Romano, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

particularly in the area of quality of life, are being met.

"Second is to ensure Soldiers are receiving the training and equipment they need to perform their missions.

"Third is to review progress on two important initiatives going on in the Army: Force and business transformations.

Finally, fourth, it affords me the opportunity to determine any needs, or any areas that need improvement, so I can get my finger on that," he added.

Harvey visited many sites on Caserma Ederle and Dal Molin to see how Soldiers and their families live and work in the community. Included in the visits were the dining facility, Villaggio, the library, Expert Infantry Badge testing site and Vicenza Elementary, Middle and High schools.

"I came away thinking these schools must be the envy of half the schools in the U.S.," said Harvey. "The quality of life, particularly for our spouses, is very

centered around, among other things, the quality of education their children are receiving."

Harvey says the new Army slogan, 'Army Strong,' means much more than the physical condition of Soldiers and he is happy with the way SETAF is maintaining an 'Army Strong' community.

"What is the essence of being a Soldier?" Harvey asked. "The essence of being a Soldier centers around strength, and the multi-dimensions of strength.

"It's not only strength in body; it's strong in heart; it's strong in spirit; it's strong in character; it's being strong for the nation; it's being strong in purpose, and it's being strong for one's self.

"So when you think about a Soldier and the essence of being a Soldier, the word 'strong' comes up, and when you put all those dimensions of strength together, it's Army strong," he said.

SETAF and the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team have had a long relationship with Italy and

Harvey stressed the importance of the relationship and how well the American community here is taking care of that relationship.

"I'm impressed with the relationship," said Harvey. "I think SETAF and the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team are very sensitive to the fact, while we are in Italy, it is their [the Italian's] country.

"We have had great relations with Italy," he continued. "We appreciate the support of the Italian armed forces. We respect and appreciate the long term excellent relations we have with them."

Harvey left post with a good impression of how Soldiers and their families are being cared for in the community.

"I will go away with the impression that, in Italy, my number one priority [making sure the needs of Soldiers and their families are being taken care of] is being addressed," said Harvey. "We are on a path to provide a good quality of life."

Time for holiday mailing hours, tips

Army Post Office December hours

Below is the holiday schedule for the Army Post office. Please note that these hours are not the same as the Community Mail Room.

Through Dec. 22, the Army Post office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The deadlines for mailing packages back to the United States so they will arrive prior to Christmas are:

First Class / Priority: Dec. 11

Express mail: Dec. 18

Stamps may be purchased at the Post Exchange, Shoppette, and the cash cage at the PX for your convenience.

The APO will open an express lane during holiday hours for money orders, stamps, express mail, and letter-size correspondence only.

Community Mail Room December hours

As a reminder, when you close your mail box, SPIN the dial to ensure your box locks!

The CMR has found numerous boxes open during their inspections.

This leaves you vulnerable to identity theft, theft of your mail, and other mischief.

The December hours of the Community Mail Room are:

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Dec. 2, 9 and 16: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 23: 3-7 p.m. *These late hours will allow CMR personnel to receive last-minute mail and put notices in mail boxes before closing time.*

Dec. 24 (Sunday): 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dec. 25: Closed

Dec. 26-29: Regular hours

Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1: Closed

Saturday, Dec. 2, a demonstration may impact Caserma Ederle

USAG Vicenza
Force Protection office
Press Release

Saturday, Dec. 2, a demonstration by the group, 'Anti-Militarization of Vicenza,' is scheduled to take place in the afternoon in the area.

The command is asking that personnel stay away from the downtown Vicenza area on this day.

The following actions will be enforced on Caserma Ederle and Villaggio in order to curtail possible threats to the community:

1. Gate 2 (Chapel Gate) will be closed to outbound pedestrian traffic. As this is

a Saturday, the vehicle gate is closed.

2. The Villaggio Pedestrian gate will be open to outbound traffic.

3. Information will be updated throughout the day on AFN radio, 106FM, AFN television, Channel 14 on your AFN decoder, the Command Information Channel, AFN decoder 12 in Villaggio and on televisions located in the food court, Community Mail Room, commissary, Davis Family Readiness Center, electronic boards at all gates and the MWR screens located in the post exchange parking lot.

For emergency needs, contact the Military Police Desk sergeant at 634-7233 or 7626, from off post 0444-71-7233 or 7626.

SETAF Disciplinary report: Oct. 1-Nov. 20

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
Special to the Outlook

Four Soldiers received non-judicial adverse action during this reporting period for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

An additional three Soldiers received non-judicial adverse action for conduct related to illegal drug use and/or possession.

Finally, two Soldiers were convicted at courts-martial for drug and alcohol-related misconduct and another Soldier was convicted at a court martial for being absent without leave. Below is a break down of the action taken against the offenders and the punishment they received.

Non-Judicial Adverse Action Report - DUI

Two Soldiers during this reporting period received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 and two received General Officer Memorandums of Reprimand for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The two Soldiers who received non-judicial punishment forfeited a combined total of \$5,240.

Further, one of the Soldiers was reduced two ranks and ordered to serve 45 days of extra duty and 45 days of restriction.

The two Soldiers who received General Officer Memorandums of Reprimand had received non-judicial punishment in the previous reporting period and forfeited a combined total of \$3,752, were reduced at least one rank, and ordered to serve 45 days of extra duty and/or 45 days of restriction.

In addition, all offenders had their vehicles impounded by the Military Police and their driving privileges suspended or revoked by the USAG Vicenza commander.

Non-Judicial Adverse Action Report – Drug Use and/or Possession

Three Soldiers received non-judicial

punishment under Article 15 during this reporting period for drug-related offenses.

The Soldiers forfeited a combined total of \$3,644, were reduced at least one grade each, and ordered to serve 45 days of extra duty and 45 days of restriction.

Further, in accordance with AR 635-200, all the Soldiers will be processed for administrative separation which could result in them being discharged from the Army with an Other Than Honorable Discharge.

Court Martial Report

On Oct. 4, pursuant to his pleas, a Military Judge at a Special Court-Martial convicted Pvt. Chaz Bullard, Attack Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), of attempted distribution of cocaine, attempted house breaking, wrongful use of cocaine, wrongful possession of cocaine, false official statement, and willful disobedience of a commissioned officer.

The Military Judge sentenced Bullard to be confined for four months and to be discharged from the Army with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On Nov. 14, pursuant to her pleas, a Summary Court-Martial Officer convicted Pvt. Rebekah L. Fox of being absent from her unit without leave from Oct. 18-26, failure to obey a lawful order from a commissioned officer, and wrongfully soliciting a Soldier to falsify a pass form.

The Summary Court-Martial Officer sentenced Fox to reduction to Private/E-1, forfeiture of \$636 pay for one month, and confinement for 20 days.

On Nov. 16, pursuant to his pleas, a Summary Court-Martial Officer convicted Spc. David Maciel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st-503d Inf (Abn), of driving under the influence of alcohol and willful disobedience of a commissioned officer.

The Summary Court-Martial Officer sentenced Maciel to reduction to Private/E-2, and confinement for 30 days.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community.

If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies.

There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly. The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, bldg 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

NOTE: There is no CAC during December. The next CAC is Jan. 24.

Original CAC Issue #04-1028, Dec. 7, 2004: What is the availability of a cable internet modem in the barracks. Is there DSL or its equivalent available to soldiers in the barracks? What about additional phone/DSL lines in Villaggio. If not, what would it

take to make this option available.

Update Nov. 7: TKS, Vicenza Directorate of Public Works, 509th Signal Battalion, and AAFES staff were part of a meeting to decide the latest work schedule, some technical aspects and to define support from each organization on the Barracks Internet project.

Update Nov. 13: TKS contract specifics include a cable network that will provide a bandwidth that is four times greater than offers received for WiFi. TKS will deliver a bandwidth of approximately 2,560 kbps.

Their unlimited internet service will be priced at 49.95 euros per month. Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone service will be 16.95 euros for 300 minutes with additional minutes at 29 centesimi per minute, or customers can elect both services for 64.95 euro per month.

The service will partially roll out Jan. 2. VOIP with TKS as the provider. VOIP may not be available until spring, but customers could use other commercial internet VOIP providers until then.

The only customers who will receive the service are the tenants of the barracks located on Caserma Ederle. The first buildings to be connected will be buildings 100, 101, 104, 105, 170, 173, L135, L136, L138, L139, L140.

Customers sign up for the service in the telephone office located at the Central Inprocessing Facility. Signs will be posted to direct them to the location. The sign-up form is currently being modified to meet Vicenza's requirements. TKS will receive payments in credit card, star card, cash or check.

Original Issue is the Closure of Joe Dugans': As a Soldier, I am not authorized to be in any off-post facility while in uniform. What is being done to accommodate the community that this closure affected?

Nov. 16 update from responding agency, Directorate of MWR: MWR will open a new

café in this space Dec. 18. This contracted service will include Italian style catering and cafeteria food, Italian and American coffee, brioche, Panini sandwiches and a plate of the day. WIFI wireless internet service will be also be offered.

Issue: Since I first observed the following scenario two months ago, I have paid very close attention to confirm that it is a reoccurring event. It is.

Military Police, Civis, Carabinieri and Italian Military vehicles (and the occasional DPW vehicle, too) coming to the gates are waved through without any identification check.

I have followed an MP from the Esso station where anyone could have taken control of the vehicle, as well as one of the other vehicles in this category. It would be a relatively simple matter for a determined terrorist. But more to the point, the gate monitors do not know every MP, Civis guard, etc., by sight.

However, passengers on the government buses leaving Ederle going to Villaggio have their IDs checked.

Recommendation: For Force Protecton procedures to work, the same standards must be applied to all! My solution is to check all IDs and/or random vehicle checks must include ALL vehicles.

Response from the Directorate of Emergency Services: There is no force protection vulnerability in this CAC issue as it is written. The gate access standard operating procedures were reviewed in detail by the JSIVA team and the details of the CAC issue are in those SOPs.

That said, I believe this is simply a matter of ensuring I explain this so the writer of the issue (and the community) understand how we know there is no vulnerability. It is not possible for the terrorist scenario in the issue

to take place.

The writer is correct. On-duty Military Police, Carabinieri and Civis guards in officially-marked vehicles are identified through visual recognition.

Before every shift, a guard mount is held where all MPs who are on duty during that shift conduct training and a mission brief for that shift.

Each MP is clearly identified as being in a specific position. This takes place before every shift without exception.

This is not to mention that we live and work with one another and the MPs on shift are all from the same platoon.

All of this above is the same for the Carabinieri.

So, to say not every MP does not know every MP is not accurate. Every MP on duty on any given day does, in fact, know every MP who is on duty on that day. If there is any confusion, the MP at the gate does understand to ask for the Military ID card as a second measure of identification.

As for the Civis security personnel, the only person driving the official Civis car is the Civis supervisor and he is known by all guards.

But please know that the SOP does not allow for DPW, or any other vehicles, to enter any installation under our control without presenting ID cards. I have reiterated this to the patrols, the operations cell and the Civis guard force. I have had this entered into the brief books to ensure it is relayed to all security forces.

There will be no CAC in December. The next CAC will be Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.

Winter Safety Day helps community prepare for bad weather

By Christine Weld
Outlook Volunteer

The Command Safety Office sponsored Winter Safety Day Nov. 21 and 22. The briefing educated the Caserma Ederle community on the importance of being prepared for the coming winter season.

"We want to educate the community on winter activities and the life skills they need to survive winter," said Dean Davis, Command Safety Office.

The briefing featured presentations by several USAG Vicenza sections and covered the ways in which community members can be safe while still having fun this winter.

Captain Leo Flor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503 Infantry (Airborne), attended the briefing and thought the event offered good tips, especially for those new to Vicenza.

"This is a good opportunity for people who might not be experienced in the conditions here to see what right looks like," Flor stated.

Safety Director Jim Brouillette recognized that safety training can often be boring, but hoped the presentations showed winter can be a fun season, especially when people are prepared.

"Hopefully, by attending the briefing, people will be better able to deal with the winter," he said.

Vicenza is a driving community, and winter

car safety featured prominently at the event. Jeff Perkins, AAFES Car Care Center, offered advice on winterizing your vehicle and tips for driving in inclement weather.

Perkins emphasized that safe driving was key and advised motorists to reduce speed in rain, ice, snow and fog. He also discussed the dangers of skidding on black ice and rotting foliage.

"Rotting leaves can be a road hazard," Perkins warned, adding that the leaves make the road surface extremely slippery.

Driving in Italy offers several challenges, and Bryan Dorman, who conducts driving tests on post, gave additional suggestions for motorists. He discussed techniques for safe winter driving, such as how to recover from a skid.

Dorman also went over the requirements stipulated by Italian law, and reminded the community to always have a reflective vest, working flashlight with batteries and warning triangle in your car.

For those who anticipate driving in the mountains, tire chains or socks can make driving in snowy conditions easier and safer. Tire socks are a new technology and many who attended the presentation saw the equipment up close for the first time.

Charlie DeCelle, Auto Skills Center manager, discussed the conditions in which tire chains or socks are useful and then demonstrated the proper way to install the equipment.

He stressed the importance of practicing the installation of either chains or socks in a safe place, such as the Auto Skills Center, before venturing into the mountains.

Winter sports, particularly skiing and snowboarding, present the opportunity for good times, but also carry some potential hazards. Christopher Buscema, a physical therapist from the Vicenza Health Clinic, and Vernon McClure, Outdoor Recreation manager, discussed winter sports safety.

McClure pointed out, "You live in one of the best places for recreation," McClure pointed out and encouraged the audience to enjoy the opportunities for recreation nearby. Outdoor Recreation offers day trips to the slopes, equipment maintenance and other classes.

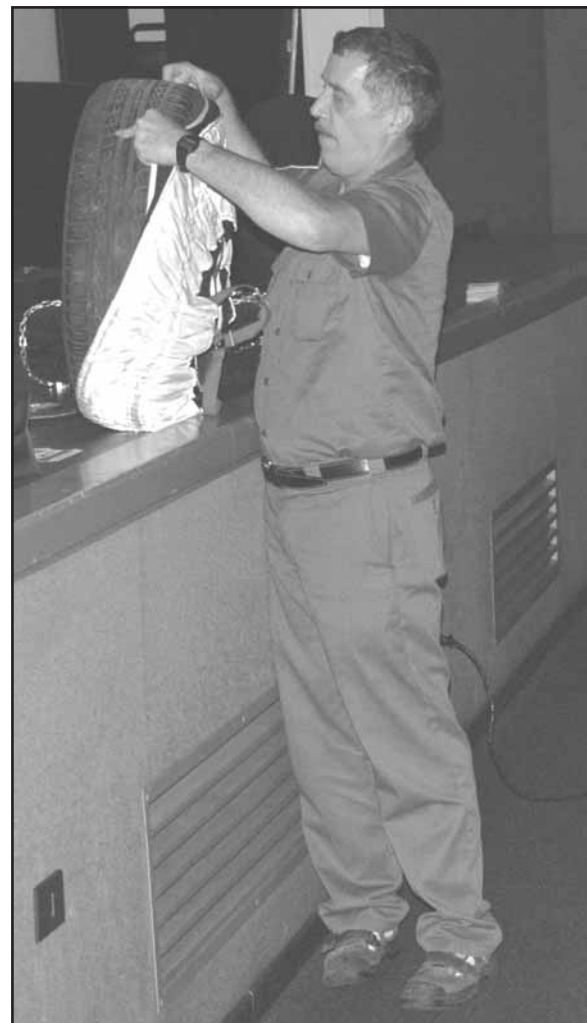
McClure covered safe skiing techniques and urged new skiers and snowboarders to take a class from a professional before hitting the slopes. He went over the classification system for runs and encouraged people to ski within their ability. A blue run is easy, a red run is for experienced skiers and black indicates an expert run.

Buscema offered tips on staying healthy and safe while enjoying exercise in cold weather.

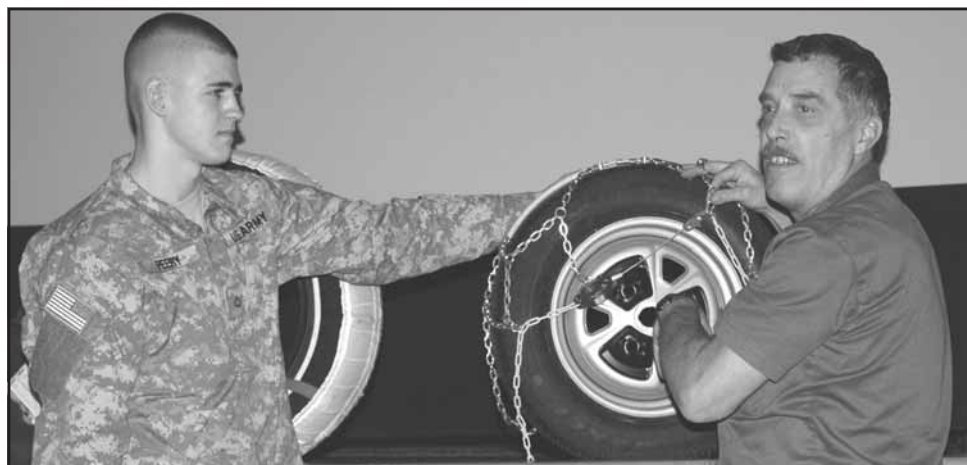
He advised the group not to abandon exercise in the winter, but to take the proper precautions.

"Dressing in layers is the way to go," Buscema said, and he recommended a three-layer system. The inner most layer should consist of a fiber that wicks moisture away from the skin. Buscema suggested fleece or another insulating fiber for the middle layer, and a windproof article for the outer shell.

Buscema cautioned of the hazards of hypothermia and frostbite and discussed the warning signs for both ailments. He also talked about the importance of proper drinking fluids and using sunscreen.



Charlie DeCelle, Auto Skills Center manager, demonstrates the proper way to install 'snow boots' on a tire. DeCelle was one of several speakers at the event held Nov. 21 and 22 in the Ederle Theater. (Photos by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)



With a bit of help from a Soldier, Charlie DeCelle (right), Auto Skills Center manager, talks to the audience at the Nov. 21 Winter Safety Day about how to properly install snow chains on tires.

AFAP conference develops 18 issues aimed to improve quality of life

By Kelli Covlin
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Sixty delegates and 79 subject matter experts, along with Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, and Col. Virgil Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, gathered the morning of Nov. 15 in the Ederle Theater to kick off a two-day conference focused on improving the quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and family members.

"The Army Family Action Plan conference is an opportunity to identify quality-of-life issues, develop resolutions and affect positive change at not only the installation level, but all the way up to the Department of the Army," said AFAP Program Manager Randie Gibson. "This program gives commanders a gauge to validate concerns

from the military community at every level and can result in legislation, policies, programs and services that strengthen readiness and retention."

Over the two-day period, delegates broke into five working groups located throughout Davis Family Readiness Center. The groups were tasked with brainstorming issues, identifying the most critical issues, and formulating recommendations, according to Comel Rooms, an AFAP volunteer who coordinated delegate issue development and work group management training for the conference.

Every issue that was developed from the conference will be briefed to the command, according to Shannon Horn, an AFAP volunteer who briefed the group on the AFAP process. Some issues may be resolved locally,

while other issues will be pushed up to the Europe-level AFAP conference to be addressed. From there, issues could be forwarded to the Army-wide conference.

To begin the process, each group identified five good points and five challenges facing the community during a deployment cycle. Then the groups began brainstorming and tackling tough issues. By the end of the conference, the groups had developed 18 issues with recommendations ranging from housing and relocation to employment of spouses overseas. The command was briefed on all 18 issues and

proposed recommendation as the final portion of the conference and will determine which issues can be addressed locally, and which should be forwarded to the Army Europe level.

"This was my first AFAP conference," said volunteer Anne Jarrow. "I'm new to the military life and found it helpful."

"I thank all the conference participants, volunteers and community members for making this conference a success," said Gibson. "We could not have done this without their commitment to making the Army a better place to live and work."



Army Family Action Plan delegates brainstorm about what they believe are challenges the community faces and what the command can do to help solve the issues. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

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Angel Tree program kicks off on Caserma Ederle

Left: Melissa Helmick (left), wife of Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick SETAF commander, and Mary Harvey, wife of Secretary of the Army, the honorable Francis Harvey, laugh as Col. Virgil Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, reads the wish list of the Angel he chose during the Angel Tree ceremony Nov. 20. Williams joked that his "Angel" was named Mary (his wife's name) and she wanted a diamond ring. Below: Entertaining the crowd gathered for the Angel Tree ceremony with the tune, "Make Someone Happy," from the musical, "Do, Re, Mi", are singers from Soldiers' Theatre. (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



Youth share culture with community

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

At the Lion's Den Dining facility on Camp Darby, the maple-sugar smoked trout flaked perfectly, the sweet potatoes had a delicate caramelization that drew out their natural sweetness, the yellow squash soup had a creamy smoothness that danced across one's taste buds and the fry bread had a flakiness that one would expect of a first rate pastry.

It was hard to believe that this incredible four-star tasting menu, which was a tribute to Native American Heritage month, was prepared by two Livorno Middle school children.

Marci Fisher and her brother, Neilson, have been cooking since they were 6 years old, which really wasn't that long ago considering Marci is in 6th grade and Neilson is in 8th grade. Both children learned to cook by getting hands-on experience in the kitchen with their dad, Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Fisher, who is assigned to USAG Livorno.

"When I cook for my family, normally I cook macaroni and cheese or Indian taco's which uses the fry bread instead of a taco shell," said Marci. "But this is the first time I cooked for an entire community and that makes me feel proud."

"I like cooking because I can make it how

I want," said Neilson, who has to compete with his younger sister to get kitchen time.

"Knowing how to cook the fish also comes in handy when we go camping. We're from a tribe of hunters and gathers," he continued.

The children's mother's side of the family is part of the Klamath-Modoc tribes who hail from the Northwest part of the United States near Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Their tribes' elders teach that one should "Work hard so that people will respect you," and that is a goal the Fisher children brought with them when they moved overseas.

"I'm glad my children helped out and shared their culture like they did," said the beaming father. "It's important for the children, and for all the families stationed overseas, to stay in touch with their family roots. For me, we just did this so the community could enjoy the food."

Native American Heritage Day was first celebrated by the Boy Scouts of America in 1915.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month." This month was the first time that the Lion's Den Dining Facility was able to serve a traditional Native American menu prepared by volunteers like the Fisher Family.

Vicenza Elementary School children treat family, friends to Thanksgiving program



Margherita Flaherty, Vicenza Elementary School first grade teacher, left, leads VES children through one of the songs presented to the children's parents during the Thanksgiving program held at the VES gym Nov. 21. Flaherty coordinated the program, which included songs such as 'Over the River', 'Turkey Song', 'Big Fat Turkey on Grandpa's Farm', and 'Turkey on the Fence'. The first-graders also recited the two poems 'Thanksgiving' and 'A Child's Grace'. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Brigade holds Leadership conference



Col. Charles Preysler (left), Commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, gives a speech on what the 173rd ABCT has accomplished and will accomplish during a Leadership conference in Club Veneto Nov. 14 while Lt. Col. Michael Fenzel (middle), commander of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), and Lt. Col. William Ostlund, commander of 2-503rd Inf (Abn) listen intently. The conference focused on counter-insurgency operations in preparation for the upcoming deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The conference shared the most recent guidance from the U.S. Army Forces Command, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, and the U.S. Central Command, to assist the combat team in developing pre-deployment training plans. (Photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173d ABCT Public Affairs.)



Dining facilities serve up Thanksgiving Day delights

Left: Caserma Ederle's South of the Alps Dining Facility is filled to capacity with community members who enjoyed a terrific Thanksgiving day lunch prepared by the DFAC staff. Marshall Fowler, DFAC general manager said he expected 1,200 guests between 11:30 and 3:30 p.m. The cooks had prepared 2,500 pounds of meat, which included 47 turkeys, 16 ducks, five hogs, lobsters, different types of shrimp, and crab legs. Far left: Senior enlisted and officers stand ready to serve up lunch.



Above: A cook helps prepare a chocolate cake in the shape of the *Mayflower* the day before Thanksgiving at the Caserma Ederle's South of the Alps Dining Facility. The Soldier is with the Fusion Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne). Right: A member of "DSG" German company from Kaiserslautern, which has a contract with DFAC, cleans some lettuce to use as part of the Thanksgiving menu. Almost 50 employees, including Soldiers, German and Italian civilians helped prepare the feast. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Right: Ron Reynolds (left) and Mike Murley, members of Vicenza Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8862, serve up Thanksgiving dinner to hungry customers.



Above: A Soldier with the 839th Transportation Battalion, listens to his son tell him everything that he's thankful for this Thanksgiving. They shared important Father-Son time at Camp Darby's Child Development Center's annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

Left: Camp Darby community leaders served Thanksgiving lunch to servicemembers, family and community members at the Lion's Den Dining Facility. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

More Christmas markets

The Sunday morning market at Camisano will be open all day on Dec. 10, 17 and 24;

Bassano's market is already underway with opening hours of 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. until Dec. 24;

The Dolo Christmas market takes place Dec. 17 and 24 in Piazza Cantiere.

Venice's *Santo Stefano* square from Dec. 2-24 becomes a Christmas Village.

More than 30 miniature wooden Alpine stalls are set up and goods on sale include typical hand-made Venetian products, such as glass, lace, paper, soap and perfumes, toys, cribs, frames and leather objects.

Also, for connoisseurs of food and drink, *Campello dei Golosi* is a large area inside the market where traders and producers from all over Italy sell gastronomic products representing the various regions.

Accompanying the market are a series of performances and concerts in the square, together with numerous activities designed to entertain younger visitors.

The market is open daily 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m..

Verona's Christmas market held Dec. 10-13 also incorporates celebrations of Santa Lucia, which is celebrated Dec. 13.

Vendors come from all over Italy and the Veronese.

Dec. 13 celebrate the feast of St. Lucia, which dates back to the 1300's when an eye epidemic affected many of the population's children. The children in Verona receive their gifts from St. Lucia the morning of Dec. 13. There are more than 400 stalls laden with Christmas articles and gifts, open daily 9 a.m.-midnight.

Italian holidays

Dec. 8 Italians celebrate the Immaculate Conception, which is a national holiday.

The next Italian national holidays are Dec. 25 and Dec. 26, St. Stephen's Day.

Gospel and market

In the Palladio room in the exhibition grounds, Vicenza, the 'Sunshine Gospel Choir' will perform Dec. 9 at 9 p.m..

Tickets cost 15 euro and proceeds go to a hospital in Angal, New Guinea.

Tickets are available from several places, among them are the pharmacy 'Doria' in *Piazza dei Signori*, downtown Vicenza, the tobacco store in Piramidi mall; Padrin Ottica located on Viale Verona.

In the town of Dolo, province of Venice, a free performance by the 'Joy Singers' from London will perform in the St. Rocco Church Dec. 9 at 8:45 p.m.

Model expo

Verona Exhibition grounds presents the 2nd Exhibition/Market of model cars, boats, airplanes and trains Dec. 2-3.

At 'Model Expo Italy,' enthusiasts, families and beginners will find the latest items for sale. There is also an area setup for children; a special section for radio-controlled items; an indoor show of airplanes, cars, boats, military vehicles and model trains and a large pool to see the boats and submarines in action.

For details check the Web site www.modelexpoitaly.it (in Italian only). Hours are 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fee is 9 euro for adults; military personnel and children ages 13-16 years pay 7 euro; children under 13 admitted free.

'Pet's World' is also open at the exhibition center from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., find animals large and small, accessories and everything needed to make them happy.

Nativity scenes

In the town of Scaldaferro northeast of Vicenza, the hall located next to the parish church will open its doors to visitors to visit their nativity scene.

This nativity is very popular and

bus trips are organized from all over the Veneto region to see it.

You can walk through many of the scenes as they are mechanical, while you can watch other scenes change from morning to night with help from effective lighting techniques.

Open daily 9 a.m.-noon, and 3-6 p.m., Dec. 25-Jan.14.

After Jan. 14, the hall is only open Saturdays and Sundays until February.

The nativity scenes are sponsored by the church so there is no entrance fee, but donations are accepted.

Soave, the beautiful walled hilltown better known as a center for an excellent white wine, is located between Vicenza and Verona.

The town's 14th century *Palazzo del Capitano*, which is the town's municipal building is transformed into a corner of Palestine circa 2000 BC, with a recreation of the Nativity scene of Jesus.

Artists, sculptors, craftspeople and locals all do their bit to create the *Presepio Gigante* (Giant Nativity), whose centerpiece is a rendering of the Holy Family in Bethlehem.

The scene is surrounded by hundreds of tiny handmade figures – magi, sheep, even stars.

Open every Sunday from Dec. 17-Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-noon and 2:30-6:30 p.m., entrance is free.

Bologna motor show

The 31st Bologna International car and motorcycle show, opens to the public Dec. 7.

Held in the city's exhibition grounds, this show offers visitors a glance at the latest models of the vehicles to include the Ferrari, Audi, Skoda, Kia, Rolls Royce, the Moto Morini and Peugeot motorcycles.

Open weekdays 9 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. until Dec. 17.

For details on directions, entrance fee, events and test drives consult www.motorshow.it.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Nov. 28	CLOSED	
Nov. 29	The Black Dahlia (R)	7 p.m.
Nov. 30	Gidrion Gang (PG13)	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	Jet Li's Fearless (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Jackass #2 (R)	10 p.m.
Dec. 2	Flushed Away (PG)	4 p.m.
	Flyboys (PG13)	7p.m.
Dec. 3	Flushed Away (PG)	4 p.m.
	Flyboys (PG13)	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	CLOSED	
Dec. 5	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 30	The Departed (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 1	Jackass #2 (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	Running with Scissors (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Accepted (PG13)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

GRIDIRON GANG - *Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Kevin Dunn.* The uplifting story of detention camp probation officer Sean Porter, who creates a high-school-level football team from a ragtag group of dangerous teenage inmates as a means to teach them self-respect and social responsibility. He is joined in this experiment by co-worker, Malcolm Moore. But Porter must first overcome almost universal resistance from the powers that be – his skeptical bosses and coaches at rival high schools who don't want their players mixing it up with convicted criminals on the football field.

THE BLACK DAHLIA - *Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson.* Elizabeth "Betty" Short, a 22-year-old aspiring actress, was discovered brutally murdered on Jan. 15, 1947 in a vacant lot near downtown Los Angeles. Enter onto the scene two ex-pugilist police officers, Lee Blanchard and Dwight "Bucky" Bleichert. The new partners' first homicide case starts with a call from their supervisor to investigate the slaying Betty Short, just as they leave a deadly shootout.

FLUSHED AWAY - *Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis.* The story of an uptown rat that gets flushed down the toilet from his penthouse apartment, ending in the sewers of London, where he has to learn a whole new and different way of life.

FLYBOYS - *James Franco, Jean Reno.* In 1914, "The Great War" —WWI—began in Europe. By 1917, the Allied powers of France, England, Italy and others were on the ropes against the German juggernaut. Some altruistic young Americans disagreed with the war. They volunteered to fight alongside their counterparts in France; some in the infantry, some in the Ambulance Corps. A handful of others had a different idea: they decided to learn how to fly.

JET LI'S FEARLESS - *Jet Li, Betty Sun.* The son of a great fighter who did not wish for his child to follow in his footsteps, the bullied Huo Yuanjia resolves to teach himself how to fight – and win. Years of training enable him to ace match after match in his home region of Tianjin. But as his fame as a martial arts master grows, so does his pride. After an ill-advised fight leads to another master's death, members of Huo's family are slain in revenge.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Classified Ads

Editor's Note: Caserma Ederle community members may place free classified ads (**not personal or personal services ads**) on the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace. Every Tuesday at noon, *The Outlook* editor goes to the MWR Web site and copies the ads, which appear in *The Outlook* one week later.

The Outlook and Directorate of MWR are not responsible for any errors in the advertisement.

Photos accompanying the advertisement will not appear in *The Outlook*.

Because *The Outlook* has limited amount of space available, editing of the classified ad may take place.

The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads at the Web site www.vicenzamwr.com.

For more information or contact

information on an item you see listed here, visit the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace.

Wanted, Records 33 LP's & 45's: 50's and 60's music.

Car Pool: Looking for person(s) interested in car pooling to/from Camisano to Ederle.

Buick Park Avenue Ultra: Anice dependable car. \$2500.

Phillips 30" TV: 220v, used for PS2 / Nintendo and videos.

Couch: \$75.

Transformer: 2000 w, \$80.

Transformer: 1600w, \$60.

Microwave: \$40.

Armadio: For hanging clothes or add shelves for storage or TV. \$150.

Metal Storage Building: Made of galvanized metal. 20ft x 8.5ft x 8.5ft. Has a door lock. Can also be reconfigured to be smaller.

Car wanted: Would like to purchase a Jeep Wrangler.

Kitten wanted: Looking for a kitten or cat no older than 1 year. Must be good with children and dogs.

Find a kitten a home: Two friendly kittens (about 6 months old) need a home. They are, female, domesticated, friendly, and healthy.

Free cat: 19-month-old female cat, great with kids and other animals (likes dogs) has all shots, is microchipped, needs to be spayed.

Infant car seat and stroller combo: Great condition. \$75 for both.

House rental: Want to rent a 3 or 4 bedroom, two bath house close to post. Arriving late January.

Graco pack-n-play: Winnie the pooh with bassinet, diaper holder, mobile, and changing table, have instructions and carrying case. \$30.

Baby bouncer: Aquarium infant bouncer. \$10.

Free dog: English setter, 4 years old, male, tri-color, good with kids, has papers.

Standing fan: \$10.

Infant car sit and stroller: Graco car seat and stroller combo. Good condition. \$50.

750W Transformer: \$25.

PCS Sale: 20 inch tv-works great. \$20. Electric portable heater - \$15. 300 W transformer \$20. Deep Fryer \$5 Army Promotion Book \$15 Italian Kit: \$25 Italian dictionary Italian phrasebook .Patio Kit: \$20 Barbeque Gril, Plastic Table w/ chairs, 2 fans with stands 220 volts \$20 2 bathroom shelves \$10. VCR- \$20 Twin bed- \$20, Dresser- \$5

1000 watt Transformer: \$50

1600 watt Transformer: \$60.

Hitachi 25" TV: Multi-system, works perfectly. \$25.

Entertainment Center: Natural wood color, \$40.

2GB IPOD Nano: With accessories, white, with 5 different color cases and earphones. \$180

PlayStation 2: Excellent condition, with power supply, RCA style TV adapter and 3 Playstation controllers. \$50.

Samsung DVD player: Dual voltage. \$25.

Kenwood receiver: 110V, \$20.

Cycling computers: 2 Polar CS200 - never used. \$160 each.

Small dog wanted: Would love to own a young small dog.

Child Ski equipment: Rossinol skis 110 cm, Lange boots size 24 cm, Bindings Rossinol and poles.

Exercise bike: Proform 920 S EKG Works well. \$100 OBO.

Mercedes Benz Class E Avangarde: Excellent shape!! Loaded, \$12,700 or OBO.

Undeclared Majors take Pasta Bowl from SETAF Lions, 6-2

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The skies over Vicenza cleared in time for the 1st Pasta Bowl Wednesday, but soaked the North 40 football field where the SETAF Lions (comprised of lieutenant colonels and colonels) took on the Undeclared Majors.

The cold weather didn't dampen the spirits of the crowd who began the game with tailgate parties in the parking lot across from the Vicenza Health Clinic. The aroma of cooking meat filled the air as people huddled in groups around grills and chowed down on hot dogs, bratwurst, hamburgers, chips, and all the fixin's. Food was so good at one tailgate party that the folks missed most of the game.

Kicking off the game was the Color Guard of the 10th Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp cadets who strutted across the field, holding their flags high. This was followed by a terrific performance of the Star Spangled Banner by Beulah Patterson, who was given a plaque by Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, prior to his taking the field.

Then came the coin toss won by the Undeclared Majors, and the game was on.

The first half saw both teams working hard for the money, but saw the scoreboard tied at 0-0 when half-time came. Taking the field at half time were the Pasta Girls, and their mascots, Dum and Dummer. The cheerleaders showed no favoritism as they lead cheers for both teams, performed skits and kept the crowd entertained.

Whatever pep talks occurred in the locker rooms during the break, they must have worked, as both teams took the field with a fierce determination.

The SETAF Lions were first to put points on the scoreboard with a safety. But it was the Undeclared Majors' #38, Aaron Demming, who scored the only touchdown of the game, making the score 6-2.

As the clock ticked down the last minutes, it was looking good for the SETAF Lions as they stormed down the field, ball in hand looking for a touchdown. But an interception was made, the buzzer sounded and the game ended with the score of 6-2 intact.

As with any Bowl game, there's a player who takes top honors, in the case of the Pasta Bowl, it was Roy Salyer of the Undeclared Majors who received Most Valuable Player award at the after game party held in Club V.



Above: Ryan Dillon keeps Bruce Sones, of the SETAF Lions team, from tackling Undeclared Major teammate, quarterback Patrick Downes as he goes for a pass. Left: In the second half of the Pasta Bowl, SETAF Lion Paul Bishop hugs the football as he races across the North 40 with Undeclared Major, Roy Salyer, in hot pursuit. Sadly for the Lions, Bishop was taken down, leaving the Undeclared Majors to win with a score of 6-2.



Left: Pasta Bowl cheerleaders perform for the crowd during halftime. Cheerleading for the Pasta Bowl were: (in alphabetical order) Joseph Armstrong, Adam Arshansky, Soraya Franklin, Nadine Grella, Allyson Holland, Irma Matos, Jackie Naylor, and Lianna Scharff.

Officiating the game were: Greg Davis, Ken Fairley, Mike Holland, Marvin Keys, and Jim Leonard.



Above: SETAF Lions are: (In alphabetical order) Craig Bell, Paul Bishop, Mark Boll, Skip Davis, Mike Fenzel, Joseph Gubern, Bradley Harper, Frank Helmick, Tim Loney, Tom Jordan, Gary Potts, Jeff McKittrick, Bill Ostlund, Darryl Owens, Charles Preysler, Don Ross, Bruce Sones, David Touzinsky, Carl Tucker, Bruce Van Dam, Chris Whittaker, Sam Williams and Virgil Williams.

Above right: What would a football game be without food? Tailgaters filled the parking lot across from the Vicenza Health clinic serving up hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and more before the 7 p.m. kick off of the Pasta Bowl.

Right: Undeclared Majors are: (In alphabetical order) Robert Addison, Shane Barna, Brian Beckno, Thomas Belkofer, Theresa Benchoff, Aaron Demming, Ryan Dillon, Patrick Downes, Michael Fleming, Thomas Foster, William Jacobs, David Klingman, Charles Lozano, Ki Lee, James Madson, Charles O'Brien, Joe Pagnotta, James Pugh, Travis Rooms, Roy Salyer, and Timothy White.

